

**Annual Report  
to the  
Governor and Legislature on  
Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect**

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## PREFACE

The goals of the Wisconsin Child Welfare System are to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to intervene when necessary with appropriate supportive services that keep children safe in their homes. At the same time we must remember that many families involved in the child welfare system have complex problems. Often, these families are affected by poverty, domestic violence, low-wage jobs or unemployment, lower educational levels, and/or alcohol and other mental health-related issues. To successfully address children's safety, there must be a well-coordinated effort between all community support systems that protect children and provide services to families.

In spring 2004, Governor Doyle launched his KidsFirst agenda, which focuses on a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing the state child welfare system. Increased reimbursement rates for foster families, physical and mental health exams for all children entering foster care, and health coverage for youth who age out of foster care, until age 21, are just a few examples of an aggressive agenda to improve Wisconsin outcomes on child safety, permanency and well-being. As part of the Governor's agenda, we will continue our work with county partners, the legislature, sovereign tribes, law enforcement, the courts, schools, birth families, foster families and adoptive families to advance a community response to child abuse and neglect. We will ensure that families have access to the necessary supportive services that are proven to prevent abuse and neglect and also intervene when abuse and/or neglect occur. We will strive to improve the conditions that permeate families where violence occurs, including poverty, substance abuse, unemployment and mental health concerns.

Along with the Governor's KidsFirst agenda, the Department of Health and Family Services through Wisconsin's Program Enhancement Plan has prioritized a number of additional strategies that will further enhance Wisconsin's child welfare system. The PEP is a product of extensive collaboration that focuses on establishing and implementing best practices in child welfare that will meet federal standards and outcomes related to child safety, permanency and well-being.

A critical element to achieving these priorities and initiatives is the creation of a statewide system of quality assurance and accountability. This includes the collection, review and analysis of state child welfare data. The Division of Children and Family Services works with the counties to ensure accurate and timely collection of data. At the same time, DCFS continuously works to build its internal capacity for high level analysis of the collected data, which allows for regular evaluation of progress being made in achieving performance outcomes. The ability to capture accurate and timely child welfare data in Wisconsin is critical to the Division's ability to analyze and evaluate how Wisconsin is progressing on national performance standards and provides a basis for recommending necessary improvements to the system.

We realize that there is much more to do to prevent child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin. We are excited to have been chosen to participate in several national initiatives that will further strengthen our efforts here in Wisconsin and build upon national efforts to improve child welfare systems; Wisconsin was chosen as one of 10 states for targeted foster care and adoption initiatives through the national Adopt USKids program; Wisconsin was also selected as 1 of 10 states to work with the PEW Charitable Trust Fund on foster care initiatives; and

the National Governor's Association chose Wisconsin to participate in its policy academy on intergovernmental collaboration – initiatives to better align the outcomes of child welfare and welfare to work.

KidsFirst, PEP, and the national initiatives mentioned above will have a tremendous impact on improving child safety in Wisconsin. There are countless other laudable efforts being coordinated by County CPS agencies that prevent abuse and neglect in local communities. If we make keeping children safe a priority, as Governor Doyle has done, then we can continue to achieve the goals and outcomes set forth in KidsFirst and the PEP and support local county efforts.

We are making progress to reduce the victimization of children in Wisconsin. As you will see in the report, the number of child victims of maltreatment in 2002 is lower than previous years. We anticipate, with all of our efforts, that the data in future year CAN reports, will continue to show the same decline in child victimization, as well as improvements in other areas.

We hope you will join us in our efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and provide families in Wisconsin the services they need to support themselves.

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Administrator

## INTRODUCTION

Child protective services, including reporting, investigation and case management, are delivered in Wisconsin through a state-supervised, county-administered system, with the exception of Milwaukee County where the state administers these services. Alleged child maltreatment is reported to 71 county social or human services departments in the state and to the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) in Milwaukee County. Data regarding each report investigated is sent to and compiled by the Division of Children and Family Services to assist state policy makers, service providers and the public in understanding and effectively responding to trends in child maltreatment.

This annual Child Abuse and Neglect report to the Legislature presents state and county specific data on the number of children in calendar year 2002 reported to be abused and/or neglected, as well as the number of allegations substantiated for abuse and/or neglect. Data in this report includes information for only child abuse and/or neglect reports identified by CPS agencies as potentially being within the parameters of statutory definitions of alleged child maltreatment. These reports are accepted or “screened in” by agencies for investigation.

Not all reports received by agencies are appropriate for a CPS investigation. Although the reporters may have concerns for a child or family, the concerns presented in the report may not rise to the level indicated by statutory definitions of maltreatment. These reports are generally not accepted by agencies and therefore, are not subject to an investigation. Referrals that are screened out and not investigated are not included in the data for this report. Families with screened out referrals may still be offered CPS agency services or referred to appropriate community resources.

The quality of the data in this report is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of data submitted by the local agencies. The data collected for 2002 is from two sources - the Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (WiSACWIS) and paper CFS-40 forms. The statewide implementation of WiSACWIS began in 2001 and was completed in July 2004. Use of the new system greatly expands the type of data collected and also improves the timeliness and accuracy of child welfare data. By the end of calendar year 2002, twenty-one (21) counties had implemented WiSACWIS, with WiSACWIS data accounting for over 40% of child abuse and neglect reports received during the year. The remainder of the child abuse and neglect information for 2002 is from CFS-40 forms.

The implementation of WiSACWIS has an impact on child abuse and neglect data. Under the new system, the number of child abuse and neglect reports will appear to increase. This difference is likely due to changes in the way reports and referrals on open cases are documented in WiSACWIS as compared to the manual CFS-40 form process. WiSACWIS links a report to an individual reporter. As such, a single incident of alleged maltreatment may be recorded more than once if there are multiple reporters for the alleged incident.

State laws and policies concerning child maltreatment pertain to children 17 years of age or less, unless otherwise specified. Child maltreatment is generally divided into four basic types: physical neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. Threats of child abuse and neglect must also be reported to and investigated by the county agen-

cies and BMCW. These cases are categorized as maltreatment that is likely to occur.

Physical neglect is defined in the statutes as “failure, refusal or inability on the part of a parent, guardian, legal custodian or other person exercising temporary or permanent control over a child, for reasons other than poverty, to provide necessary care, food, clothing, medical or dental care or shelter so as to seriously endanger the physical health of the child.”

[Ref. s. 48.981(1)(d), Wisconsin Stats.]

Physical abuse is defined as “physical injury inflicted on a child by other than accidental means.” [Ref. s. 48.02(1)(a), Wisconsin Stats.] This includes non-accidental injury inflicted by any other person. “Physical injury includes but is not limited to lacerations, fractured bones, burns, internal injuries, severe or frequent bruising or great bodily harm, as defined in s. 939.22(14).” [Ref. s. 48.02(14g), Wisconsin Stats.]

Sexual abuse is defined by cross-referencing several crimes in the Wisconsin Criminal Code section of the Statutes (see Appendix B). In summary, sexual abuse includes the following:

- sexual intercourse or sexual contact with a child 15 years of age or less;
- sexual intercourse with a 16- or 17-year old child without his or her consent;
- inducement of a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct in order to videotape, photograph, etc., that child or videotaping, photographing, etc., a child for such purposes, or producing, distributing, selling or otherwise profiting from such a videotape, photograph, etc.;
- encouragement by or permission of a person responsible for a child's welfare for a child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of videotaping, photographing, etc.;

- causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity;
- exposing genitals to a child; or
- permitting or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution.

Emotional abuse is defined as “emotional damage for which the child’s parent, guardian or legal custodian has neglected, refused or been unable for reasons other than poverty to obtain the necessary treatment or to take steps to ameliorate the symptoms.” [Ref. s. 48.02(1)(gm), Wisconsin Stats.]

The definitions of child neglect and emotional abuse involve failure on the part of parents or other persons responsible for a child to provide necessary care for a child. The definitions of physical abuse and sexual abuse include harm to a child by any person. Therefore, physical or sexual abuse of a child can include assaults by a parent, strangers, persons unrelated to a child’s family, or peers. In cases where someone outside of the family harms the child, interventions with the family do not provide all of the solutions. In many of these cases, in addition to the CPS investigation, law enforcement is involved and criminal prosecution of the person who harmed the child may occur.

In most child abuse and neglect cases, the parties involved are family members and solutions involve interventions with the family. In some of these cases, court intervention is required to assure safety and order services for the family.

Public perception of what constitutes child maltreatment generally is limited to harm caused by a child’s parents or other family or household member. In Wisconsin, child maltreatment investigations are performed in cases where physical injury to a child or sexual contact with a child is alleged regardless of the alleged maltreater’s relationship to the child. Based on the statistics generated from these types of maltreatment, the category where the data is most influenced by non-familial maltreatment



is the category of sexual abuse. Wisconsin totals include a number of cases of sexual assault by peers (from unwanted touching to “date rape”). Tables in the report show totals that allow the reader to distinguish between abuse of a child by a caregiver and assault of a child by another person. Sexual abuse also includes mutual sexual activity between minors if at least one of the minors is less than 16 years of age. The fact that there may have been no coercion, exploitation or assault involved is irrelevant to whether the incident is investigated as sexual abuse under Wisconsin Statutes. Cases involving mutual sexual activity between minors ranges from pre-school aged children who inappropriately touch other pre-school aged children to teenagers who are sexually active.

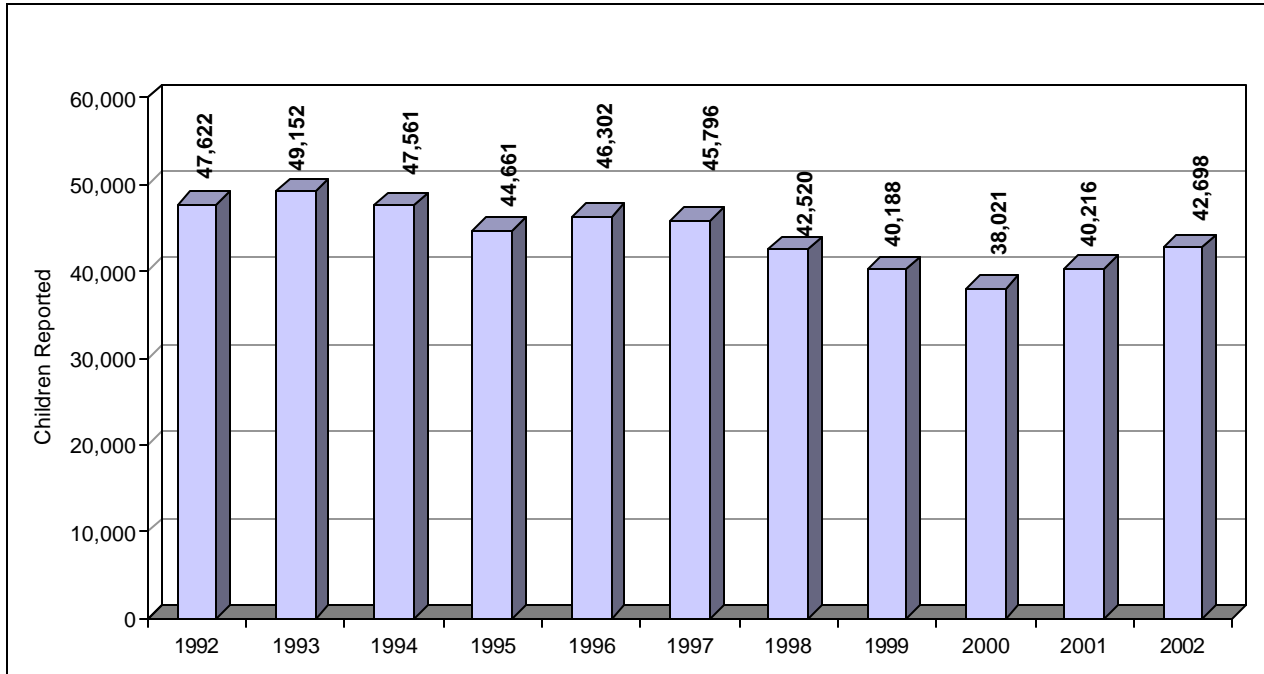
In several of the report’s graphs and tables, where noted, cases of mutual sexual activity have been removed from the total numbers of child maltreat-

ment. This gives a more informed depiction of maltreatment by primary and other types of caregivers. Information in this report reflects data reported during calendar year 2002. Data for this period includes some cases in which the alleged maltreatment occurred in a previous year but was reported and investigated in the following calendar year. Information is relayed almost entirely through graphs and tables. Totals cited in graphs, tables and text throughout this report might not always be consistent. These inconsistencies in data may be due to the following factors:

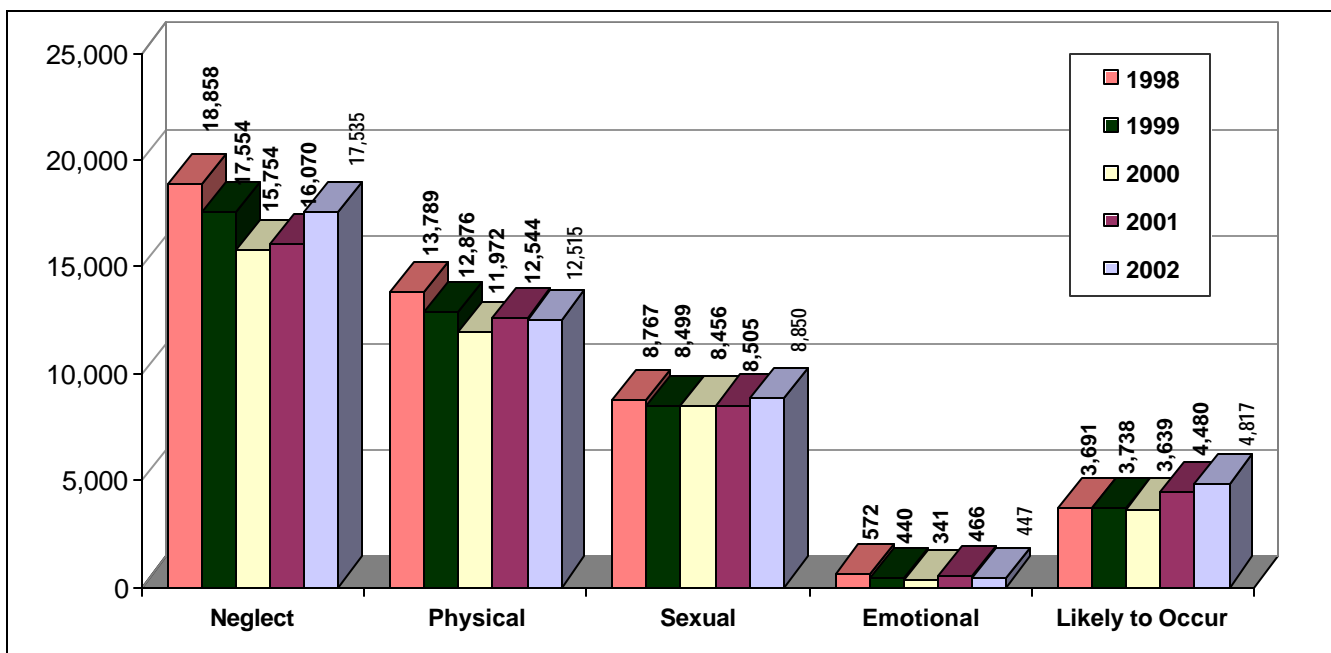
- Multiple forms of maltreatment associated with a single report or investigation;
- Multiple maltreaters identified with a single incident of maltreatment; and,
- Multiple reporters associated with a single maltreatment incident in non-WiSACWIS counties only.

## HISTORICAL TRENDS

**FIGURE 1 NUMBER OF REPORTS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT, 1992-2002**



**FIGURE 2 REPORTS BY TYPE OF ALLEGATION, 1998-2002\***



\* Note: Totals for sexual abuse for 1998 through 2002 are meant to exclude reports of mutual sexual activity between peers (see page 5 for explanation).

## 2002 CHILD MALTREATMENT REPORTERS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Certain individuals whose employment brings them into contact with children are required by law to report any suspected abuse or neglect to a child seen in the course of their professional duties. These individuals are referred to as “mandated reporters.” However, anyone who suspects a child is being maltreated may make such a referral. Persons making reports in good faith are immune from criminal or civil liability. More information about reporting suspected abuse or neglect is available on the Internet at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/Children/CPS/>

Table 1 describes the profession or relationship to the child of persons who reported suspected child maltreatment in CY 2002.

Wisconsin’s child welfare service delivery system requires any concerned individual to report suspected abuse or neglect directly to the local child welfare agency or law enforcement. (See listing of where to report in Appendix A.) Any report of alleged child maltreatment received by law enforcement officials must subsequently be referred to the local child welfare agency.

Upon receiving a report, the child welfare agency must first determine if the information constitutes an allegation of child maltreatment or threatened harm as defined by the statutes. If the report is accepted as an appropriate concern of child maltreatment, a Child Protective Services (CPS) worker in the agency must initiate an investigation assessment within 24 hours after the receipt of the report and complete it within 60 days. Reports that suggest a child is in current or imminent danger receive immediate response from the agency, and a CPS investigation or initial assessment is initiated.

The primary purpose of the CPS assessment is to assure the child’s safety and determine whether the child and family are in need of any services to help keep the child safe. The CPS assessment does not establish legal culpability – instead the case is referred to law enforcement and possibly the courts for that purpose. The CPS initial assessment must be conducted in accordance with the Child Protective Service Investigation Standards established by the Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services in September 1994. These standards recognize that the CPS role must differ in cases of familial and non-familial maltreatment.

In cases of familial maltreatment, the initial assessment includes an interview with and observation of the child, a visit to the home, an interview with any siblings and an interview with the parents. Decisions that must be made include whether the child is safe, whether risk conditions are present, whether maltreatment occurred and whether the family is in need of services to assure the safety and well-being of the child. Many elements enter into the decision-making process: the child’s functioning and ability to communicate, characteristics and behaviors of the parents, physical evidence, functioning of the family, and the absence or presence of stressful family circumstances.

In response to reports of maltreatment by individuals outside the family, the CPS role is to support the parents and other appropriate adults in meeting the child’s needs. Respect for the privacy, values and rights of each family member underlie all aspects of investigative procedures. (See Appendix B, Child Maltreatment Related Statutes, for statutory definitions of child abuse and neglect in Wisconsin and for categories of persons required to report child abuse and neglect.)

**TABLE 1**  
**REPORTER'S RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD, 2002**

<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent of All Reporter Types</b>
Teacher	3,056	5.0%
School Counselor	4,470	7.3%
School Administrator	1,819	3.0%
Mental Health Professional	2,769	4.5%
Social Worker	12,109	19.7%
Public Assistance Worker	350	0.6%
AODA Counselor	60	0.1%
Daycare Center Staff	699	1.1%
Home Daycare Provider	141	0.2%
Physician	816	1.3%
Nurse	1,548	2.5%
Coroner or Medical Examiner	90	0.1%
Other Medical Professional	462	0.7%
Child Caring Institution Staff	265	0.4%
Law Enforcement	11,161	18.1%
Alleged Maltreater	72	0.1%
Alleged Child Victim	445	0.7%
Parent of Alleged Child Victim	5,186	8.4%
Other Relative of Alleged Child Victim	3,290	5.3%
Other Caregiver of Alleged Child Victim	529	0.9%
Neighbor/Friend	4,047	6.6%
Grandparent of Alleged Child Victim	1,852	3.0%
Anonymous	3,207	5.2%
Other <sup>1</sup>	3,174	5.2%

<sup>1</sup> "Other" includes acupuncturists, optometrists, chiropractors, dietitians, and other categories not listed individually.

## CASE FINDINGS

Upon completion of an investigation/initial assessment, the agency must determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred or is likely to occur. Case findings for allegations that maltreatment has occurred are either "substantiated" or "unsubstantiated." Case findings for an allegation that abuse or neglect is likely to occur are either "likely to occur" or "not found likely to occur."

For both types of cases, a third finding may be used: "not able to locate sources of information and/or subjects of the report – unsubstantiated." This finding is to be used only when the agency is unable to locate critical family members or others involved in the report, making it impossible to gather the information needed to make a determination.

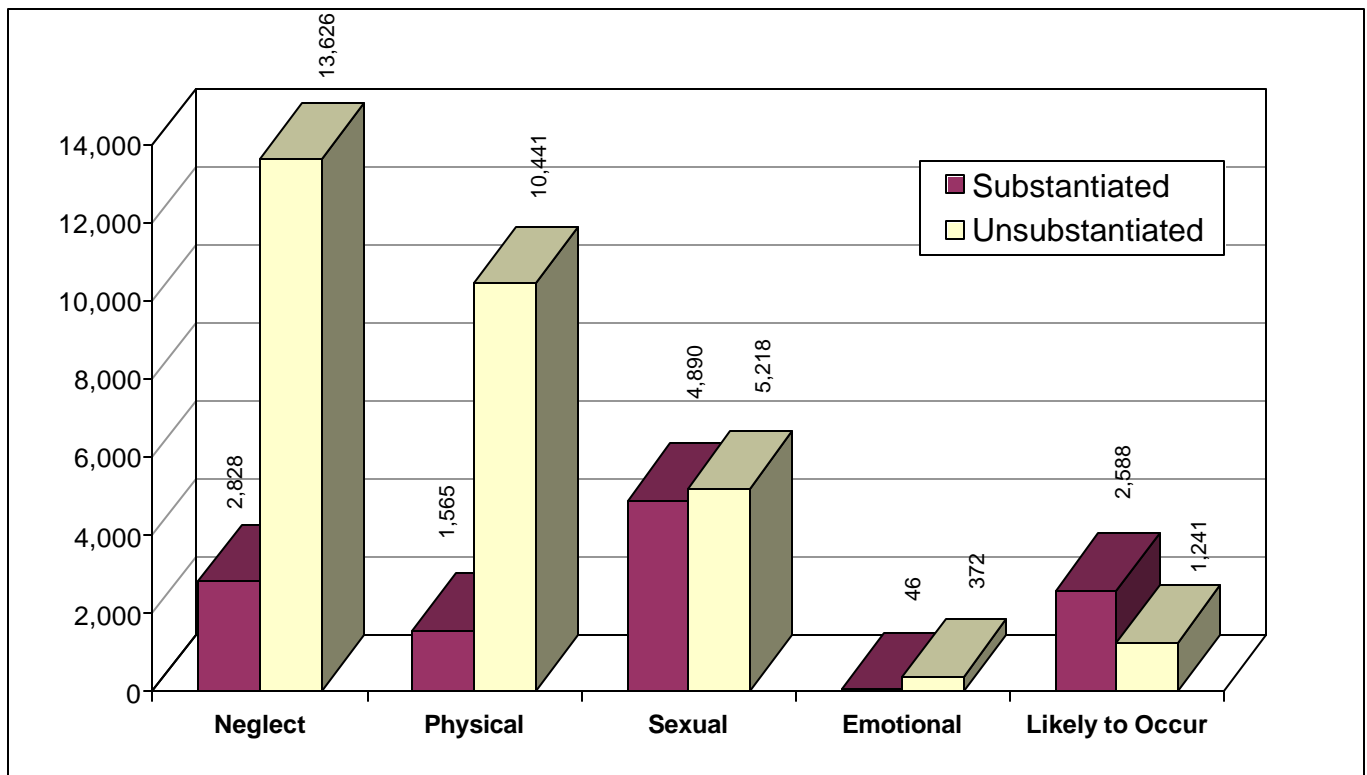
Beginning in 1996, "substantiated" cases refer only to cases in which CPS staff has determined that, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, abuse or neglect occurred. A preponderance of evidence is a lower standard of evidence than that needed for proof for juvenile or criminal court procedures. Therefore while there may be sufficient information to substantiate an alleged child abuse or neglect case, there may not be sufficient evidence for a children's court finding of Child in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS) or for criminal court prosecution because of the higher burden of proof required. The agency may determine that maltreatment has occurred or is likely to occur without identifying a particular person that has maltreated or will maltreat a child. Therefore, the agency has the authority to respond to children in

need of protection or services even when a specific maltreater cannot be positively identified.

As an agency makes a child abuse and neglect determination for each child, it must also determine whether the child or any member of the child's family is in need of services. The need for services is based more upon identifying children who are unsafe (in imminent danger) and children who are at risk of maltreatment than on the substantiation decision.

Unsubstantiated cases sometimes involve situations where the parents' care for their children is beginning to deteriorate because of life stresses or crises that they are having difficulty handling. Agencies often are able to assist these families in accessing other community resources and in receiving needed support before the problems result in a threat to child safety.

The significant variance in the county substantiation rate (Table 2) is affected by a number of factors. These may include: the quality of information gathered at phone intake, the intake screening criteria and decision making, the quality of information gathered during the initial assessment, prevailing community standards, and worker and agency judgment. In addition, the decrease in the overall substantiation rate, as indicated in Figure 4 (page 16), is likely to be due to a variety of factors, including federal requirements associated with appeal rights for substantiated maltreaters, which results in a more rigorous application of substantiation decision-making.

**FIGURE 3 FINDINGS BY ALLEGATION TYPE, 2002**

**TABLE 2****MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY COUNTY BY POPULATION , 2002**

County	Child Population <sup>1</sup>	Total Reports	Reports <sup>2</sup> per 1000 Child Population	Abuse/Neglect Found Likely to Occur	Maltreatment Substantiations	Maltreatment Substantiation Rate
ADAMS	4,239	98	23.1	8	34	34.7%
ASHLAND	4,315	158	36.6	0	57	36.1%
BARRON	11,547	176	15.2	15	73	41.5%
BAYFIELD	3,756	84	22.4	3	48	57.1%
BROWN	60,542	758	12.5	35	399	52.6%
BUFFALO	3,501	90	25.7	8	19	21.1%
BURNETT	3,548	97	27.3	3	30	30.9%
CALUMET	12,183	356	29.2	28	132	37.1%
CHIPPEWA	14,978	232	15.5	3	92	39.7%
CLARK	10,154	131	12.9	5	70	53.4%
COLUMBIA	13,476	318	23.6	58	51	16.0%
CRAWFORD	4,559	105	23.0	6	28	26.7%
DANE	99,190	1,565	15.8	224	405	25.9%
DODGE	21,551	323	15.0	14	96	29.7%
DOOR	6,320	81	12.8	1	39	48.1%
DOUGLAS	10,295	341	33.1	23	112	32.8%
DUNN	9,549	186	19.5	0	60	32.3%
EAU CLAIRE	22,275	482	21.6	43	115	23.9%
FLORENCE	1,187	59	49.7	5	15	25.4%
FOND DU LAC	24,840	886	35.7	267	196	22.1%
FOREST	2,557	14	5.5	0	1	7.1%
GRANT	11,915	464	38.9	27	79	17.0%
GREEN	9,102	246	27.0	1	45	18.3%
GREEN LAKE	4,654	95	20.4	15	13	13.7%
IOWA	6,270	253	40.4	8	54	21.3%
IRON	1,348	12	8.9	0	5	41.7%
JACKSON	4,677	77	16.5	1	6	7.8%
JEFFERSON	19,536	459	23.5	4	193	42.0%
JUNEAU	6,361	126	19.8	1	30	23.8%
KENOSHA	41,450	839	20.2	8	196	23.4%
KEWAUNEE	5,300	62	11.7	0	17	27.4%
LA CROSSE	25,650	1,075	41.9	79	210	19.5%
LAFAYETTE	4,425	192	43.4	0	47	24.5%
LANGLADE	5,125	347	67.7	16	109	31.4%
LINCOLN	7,606	287	37.7	3	87	30.3%
MANITOWOC	21,371	1,222	57.2	106	248	20.3%
MARATHON	34,299	1,108	32.3	72	328	29.6%
MARINETTE	10,304	172	16.7	18	77	44.8%
MARQUETTE	3,260	64	19.6	4	24	37.5%
MENOMINEE	1,789	64	35.8	5	23	35.9%

TABLE 2, CONTINUED

County	Child Population <sup>1</sup>	Total Reports	Reports <sup>2</sup> per 1000 Child Population	Abuse/Neglect Found Likely to Occur	Maltreatment Substantiations	Maltreatment Substantiation Rate
MILWAUKEE	248,010	14,542	58.6	54	2,188	15.0%
MONROE	11,770	366	31.1	89	67	18.3%
OCONTO	9,486	452	47.6	0	56	12.4%
ONEIDA	8,345	331	39.7	0	150	45.3%
OUTAGAMIE	45,861	1,382	30.1	61	305	22.1%
OZAUKEE	22,464	267	11.9	86	58	21.7%
PEPIN	1,973	37	18.8	2	8	21.6%
PIERCE	9,242	182	19.7	23	48	26.4%
POLK	11,198	190	17.0	10	42	22.1%
PORTAGE	16,450	305	18.5	14	72	23.6%
PRICE	3,790	73	19.3	21	21	28.8%
RACINE	51,361	871	17.0	6	270	31.0%
RICHLAND	4,545	69	15.2	4	11	15.9%
ROCK	40,841	2,725	66.7	514	356	13.1%
RUSK	3,832	165	43.1	7	30	18.2%
ST CROIX	18,907	327	17.3	28	98	30.0%
SAUK	14,753	543	36.8	129	134	24.7%
SAWYER	3,988	202	50.7	34	46	22.8%
SHAWANO	10,599	204	19.2	9	29	14.2%
SHEBOYGAN	29,175	1,055	36.2	13	205	19.4%
TAYLOR	5,346	155	29.0	59	62	40.0%
TREMPEALEAU	6,941	282	40.6	0	49	17.4%
VERNON	7,855	103	13.1	20	33	32.0%
VILAS	4,431	164	37.0	26	33	20.1%
WALWORTH	23,148	450	19.4	8	87	19.3%
WASHBURN	3,910	100	25.6	3	22	22.0%
WASHINGTON	32,122	249	7.8	5	74	29.7%
WAUKESHA	96,853	777	8.0	152	342	44.0%
WAUPACA	13,511	274	20.3	22	96	35.0%
WAUSHARA	5,786	205	35.4	0	29	14.1%
WINNEBAGO	37,926	1,254	33.1	13	243	19.4%
WOOD	19,500	693	35.5	59	202	29.1%
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,392,923</b>	<b>42,698</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>9,329</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
			<b>Per 1000</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration Population Estimate, 1/1/2002.

<sup>2</sup> The term “reports” actually refers to a count of children suspected of being maltreated. A child maltreatment case may include more than one treatment victim and does not include cases with the finding “Abuse-Neglect Found Likely to Occur” or cases where the reporting county is unknown. Reports of mutual sexual activity are included in the totals in this table.

**TABLE 3**



# REPORTS BY COUNTY BY TYPE OF ALLEGATION, 2002

## ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

COUNTY	TOTAL REPORTS	PHYSICAL ABUSE				SEXUAL ABUSE				NEGLECT				EMOTIONAL ABUSE				ABUSE LIKELY TO OCCUR			
		S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	L	NF	N	Total
ADAMS	98	10	12	1	23	18	26	6	50	6	16	0	22	0	0	0	0	8	0	2	10
ASHLAND	158	15	50	1	66	24	30	2	56	17	35	2	54	1	11	0	12	0	0	0	0
BARRON	176	5	26	1	32	50	67	6	123	14	11	0	25	4	1	0	5	15	0	0	15
BAYFIELD	84	9	12	2	23	39	11	2	52	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
BROWN	758	67	102	3	172	203	120	9	332	129	110	3	242	0	0	0	0	35	4	1	40
BUFFALO	90	2	31	1	34	11	23	1	35	6	15	0	21	0	1	0	1	8	0	0	8
BURNETT	97	2	40	1	43	28	8	1	37	0	10	2	12	0	1	0	1	3	4	2	9
CALUMET	356	30	66	0	96	65	63	1	129	37	81	4	122	0	7	0	7	28	7	9	44
CHIPPEWA	232	10	62	0	72	66	52	5	123	16	30	1	47	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	3
CLARK	131	14	19	8	41	43	16	4	63	13	3	1	17	0	2	0	2	5	0	0	5
COLUMBIA	318	11	100	0	111	33	55	1	89	6	69	4	79	1	0	0	1	58	31	2	91
CRAWFORD	105	4	28	0	32	18	8	0	26	6	38	3	47	0	1	0	1	6	0	0	6
DANE	1,565	80	421	4	505	146	183	4	333	178	427	4	609	1	35	1	37	224	210	2	436
DODGE	323	21	62	1	84	44	54	4	102	31	98	1	130	0	0	0	0	14	0	3	17
DOOR	81	4	12	1	17	25	19	1	45	10	6	1	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
DOUGLAS	341	9	35	1	45	79	77	24	180	24	70	15	109	0	0	0	0	23	7	0	30
DUNN	186	4	32	3	39	51	38	3	92	5	50	2	57	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	6
EAU CLAIRE	482	19	121	5	145	62	80	7	149	33	130	0	163	1	5	1	7	43	32	12	87
FLORENCE	59	4	15	0	19	11	6	0	17	0	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
FOND DU LAC	886	25	210	1	236	119	184	16	319	52	319	3	374	0	14	0	14	267	0	2	269
FOREST	14	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANT	464	13	143	4	160	53	79	2	134	12	153	6	171	1	6	0	7	27	0	2	29
GREEN	246	9	106	1	116	28	39	2	69	8	59	1	68	0	0	0	0	1	8	2	11
GREEN LAKE	95	4	28	5	37	5	12	3	20	2	21	2	25	2	0	0	2	15	0	1	16
IOWA	253	19	86	2	107	26	29	1	56	6	87	2	95	3	5	0	8	8	0	0	8
IRON	12	2	6	0	8	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JACKSON	77	3	30	1	34	1	8	1	10	2	28	0	30	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
JEFFERSON	459	16	75	0	91	126	55	3	184	51	126	5	182	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
JUNEAU	126	3	37	2	42	18	17	1	36	8	38	10	56	1	3	0	4	1	0	0	1
KENOSHA	839	93	293	18	404	54	97	7	158	49	164	12	225	0	0	0	0	8	5	22	35
KEWAUNEE	62	2	29	0	31	11	13	1	25	4	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
LA CROSSE	1,075	25	243	10	278	132	137	6	275	50	465	20	535	3	6	3	12	79	16	7	102
LAFAYETTE	192	12	46	6	64	21	22	1	44	13	43	6	62	1	2	0	3	0	0	4	4
LANGLADE	347	15	62	0	77	52	60	0	112	40	117	3	160	2	0	0	2	16	0	0	16
LINCOLN	287	5	64	2	71	37	50	6	93	45	77	4	126	0	1	0	1	3	0	13	16
MANITOWOC	1,222	25	416	4	445	160	179	3	342	63	484	2	549	0	20	0	20	106	24	2	132
MARATHON	1,108	41	296	0	337	146	91	2	239	135	446	5	586	6	16	0	22	72	3	4	79
MARINETTE	172	3	43	1	47	62	42	8	112	12	16	0	28	0	4	0	4	18	0	0	18
MARQUETTE	64	4	16	0	20	12	16	0	28	8	7	0	15	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
MENOMINEE	64	8	12	0	20	9	6	2	17	6	16	0	22	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5

TABLE 3, CONTINUED

## ALLEGATIONS BY TYPE

COUNTY	TOTAL REPORTS	PHYSICAL ABUSE				SEXUAL ABUSE				NEGLECT				EMOTIONAL ABUSE				ABUSE LIKELY TO OCCUR			
		S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	S	U	N	Total	L	NF	N	Total
MILWAUKEE	14,542	406	3,413	303	4,122	820	1,088	244	2,152	960	5,595	718	7,273	2	41	8	51	54	120	777	951
MONROE	366	17	57	1	75	31	27	3	61	19	106	3	128	0	2	0	2	89	70	2	161
OCONTO	452	7	161	0	168	36	71	0	107	13	166	0	179	0	2	0	2	0	0	6	6
ONEIDA	331	35	62	5	102	95	63	9	167	18	42	3	63	2	6	0	8	0	0	0	0
OUTAGAMIE	1,382	28	351	3	382	201	185	15	401	74	514	13	601	2	13	0	15	61	2	1	64
OZAUKEE	267	7	63	0	70	37	48	2	87	13	91	8	112	1	14	0	15	86	13	0	99
PEPIN	37	2	10	0	12	6	8	0	14	0	9	4	13	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	3
PIERCE	182	8	62	2	72	32	23	2	57	7	47	0	54	1	1	0	2	23	1	0	24
POLK	190	12	46	0	58	13	31	3	47	17	56	7	80	0	8	0	8	10	2	3	15
PORTAGE	305	4	74	3	81	59	56	1	116	9	88	7	104	0	11	1	12	14	2	0	16
PRICE	73	6	25	0	31	13	21	0	34	2	5	0	7	0	8	0	8	21	0	0	21
RACINE	871	41	201	7	249	182	103	9	294	47	212	18	277	0	1	1	2	6	26	7	39
RICHLAND	69	3	22	1	26	5	16	0	21	3	12	1	16	0	2	0	2	4	0	1	5
ROCK	2,725	54	722	28	804	150	330	34	514	152	971	29	1,152	0	31	3	34	514	359	6	879
RUSK	165	2	34	1	37	26	35	1	62	2	47	1	50	0	1	0	1	7	0	0	7
ST CROIX	327	8	60	5	73	65	46	4	115	25	89	8	122	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	28
SAUK	543	20	114	0	134	75	74	5	154	38	61	7	106	1	1	0	2	129	120	11	260
SAWYER	202	6	74	0	80	24	32	1	57	13	37	0	50	3	3	0	6	34	5	2	41
SHAWANO	204	3	49	0	52	26	47	7	80	0	70	0	70	0	1	0	1	9	4	0	13
SHEBOYGAN	1,055	29	214	18	261	146	168	14	328	29	298	53	380	1	41	9	51	13	10	36	59
TAYLOR	155	5	23	0	28	30	21	0	51	26	49	0	75	1	4	0	5	59	57	1	117
TREMPEALEAU	282	7	71	3	81	34	36	1	71	8	117	0	125	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	4
VERNON	103	10	29	0	39	16	10	0	26	7	24	6	37	0	1	0	1	20	0	0	20
VILAS	164	5	40	0	45	24	39	0	63	4	37	0	41	0	3	0	3	26	1	1	28
WALWORTH	450	15	142	1	158	56	60	1	117	16	187	0	203	0	4	0	4	8	5	5	18
WASHBURN	100	1	27	0	28	19	20	2	41	2	26	0	28	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	5
WASHINGTON	249	13	85	0	98	49	56	11	116	9	19	3	31	3	0	0	3	5	0	1	6
WAUKESHA	777	48	116	0	164	224	96	2	322	70	90	1	161	0	0	0	0	152	44	2	198
WAUPACA	274	24	54	1	79	43	28	3	74	28	83	0	111	1	2	0	3	22	8	3	33
WAUSHARA	205	4	56	17	77	21	8	6	35	4	45	18	67	0	6	2	8	0	0	4	4
WINNEBAGO	1,254	41	304	18	363	128	144	31	303	73	394	44	511	1	14	0	15	13	30	20	63
WOOD	693	47	191	2	240	112	154	2	268	43	136	5	184	0	5	0	5	59	0	0	59
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTALS*	42,698	1,565	10,441	509	12,515	4,890	5,218	559	10,667	2,828	13,626	1,081	17,535	46	372	29	447	2,588	1,241	988	4,817

\* The sum of the totals of each type of allegation may exceed the total number of reports because there may be more than one allegation per report. The totals for sexual abuse include cases of mutual sexual activity.

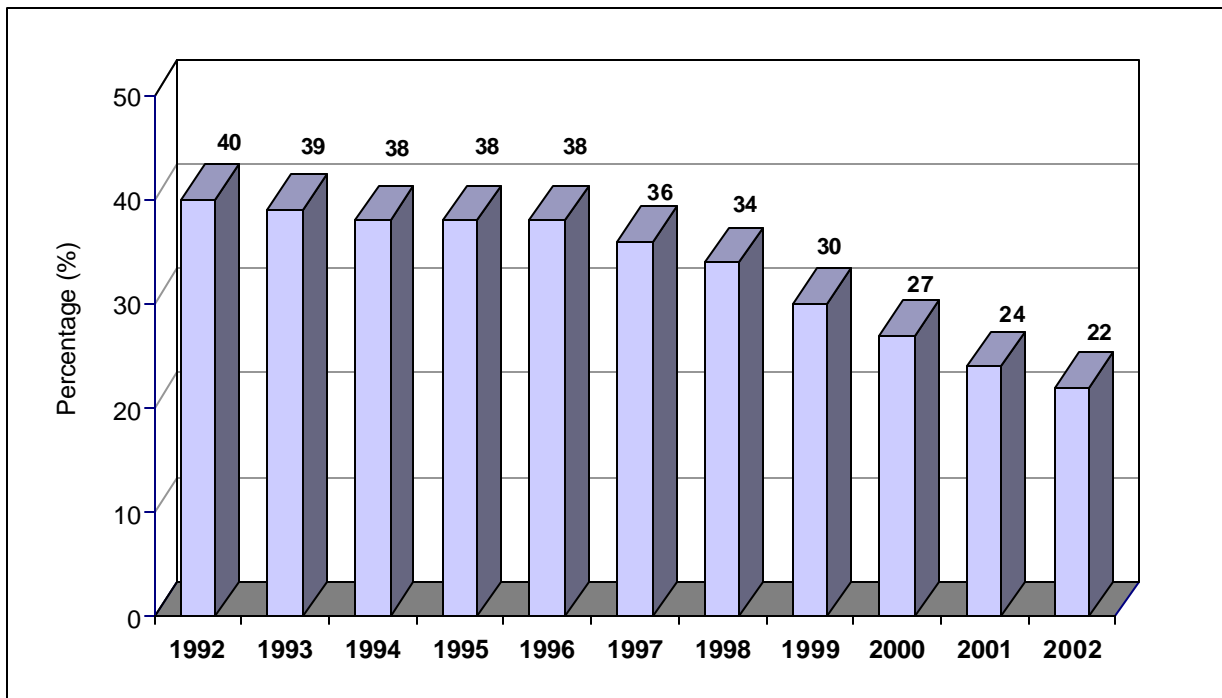
**Legend**

**S = Substantiated**  
**U = Unsubstantiated**

**L = Found Likely to Occur**

**NF = Not Found Likely to Occur**

**N = Not Able to Locate Sources of Information/Unsubstantiated**

**FIGURE 4 STATEWIDE SUBSTANTIATION RATES\*, 1992-2002**

\* SUBSTANTIATION RATES ARE ROUNDED.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF MALTREATED CHILDREN

FIGURE 5 SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS BY AGE OF CHILD, 2002

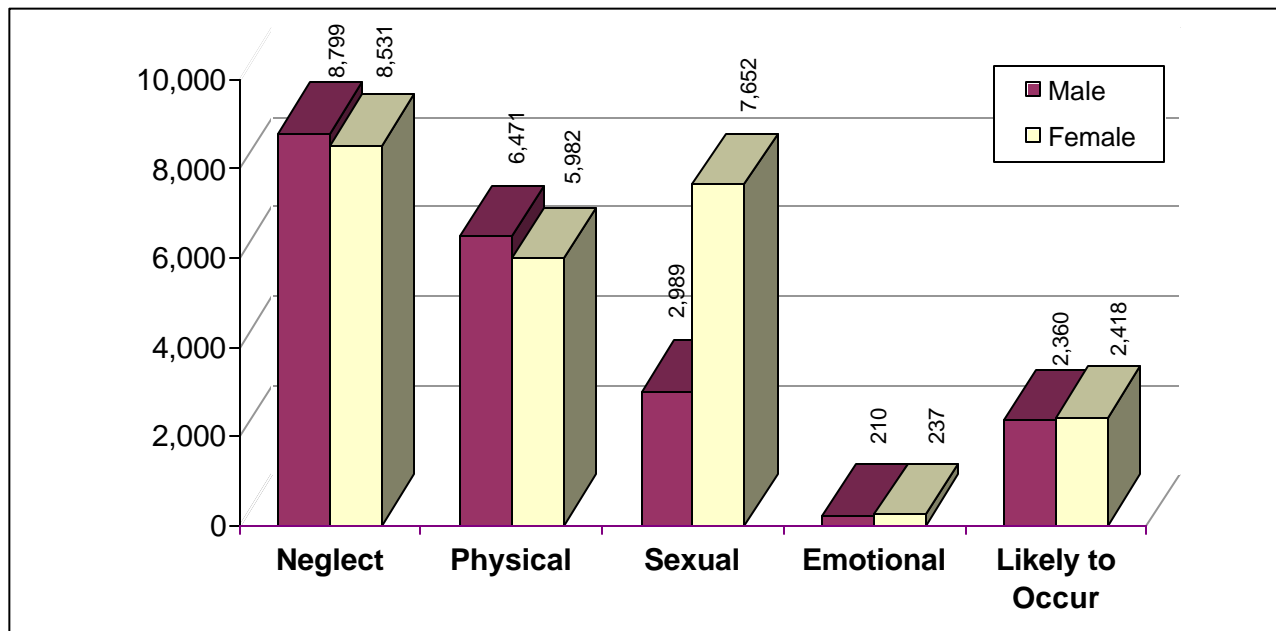
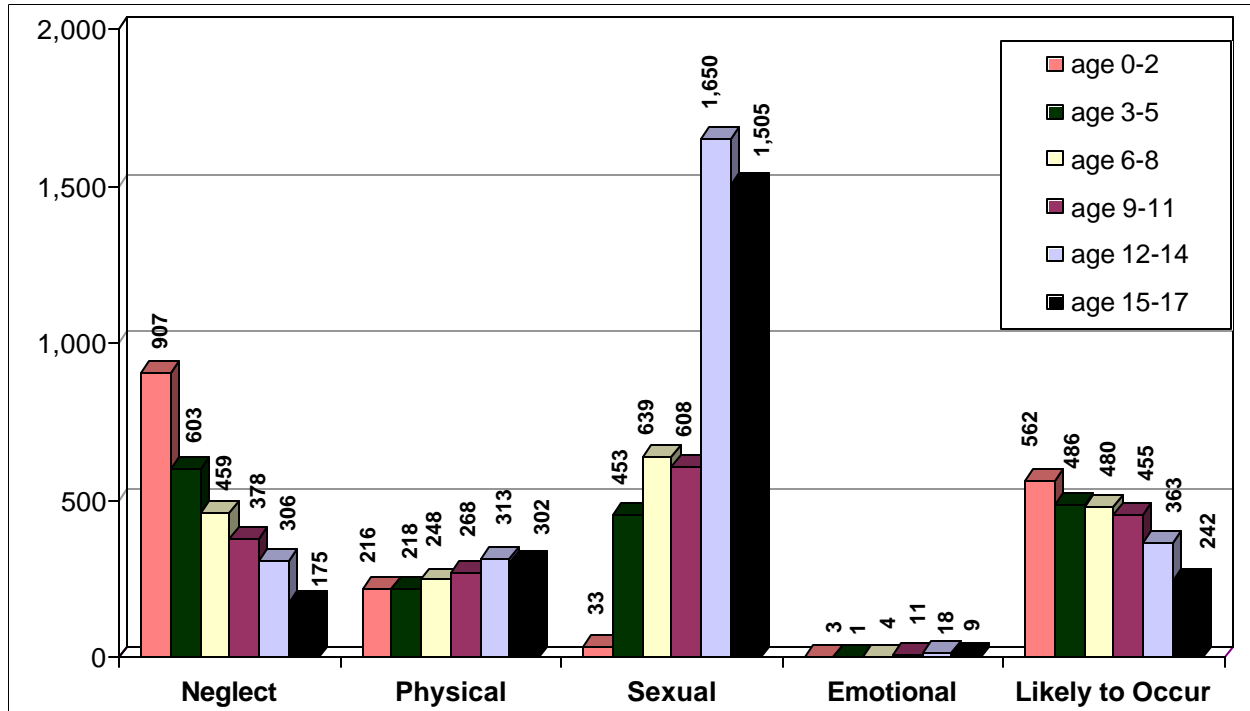


FIGURE 6 GENDER OF VICTIMS (ALL REPORTS), 2002 \*

\*All reports refers to all screened-in referrals for the above allegation types regardless of the case finding for the report.

**TABLE 4**

**VICTIM RACE BY TYPE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ALL REPORTS), 2002 \***

Race of Victim	Neglect		Physical Abuse		Sexual Abuse		Emotional Abuse		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%**
ASIAN	267	42.1	266	41.9	98	15.4	4	0.6	635	100
BLACK	5,239	54.4	2,779	28.8	1,558	16.2	57	0.6	9,633	100
HISPANIC	798	43.7	587	32.2	423	23.2	17	0.9	1,825	100
AMERICAN INDIAN	453	42.9	298	28.2	294	27.8	11	1.0	1,056	100
HAWAIIAN/ PACIFIC IS.	17	44.7	9	23.7	9	23.7	3	7.9	38	100
WHITE	9,399	37.3	7,741	30.7	7,713	30.6	342	1.4	25,195	100
UNKNOWN	1,362	48.9	835	30.0	572	20.6	13	0.5	2,782	100
TOTAL	17,535	42.6	12,515	30.4	10,667	25.9	447	1.1	41,164	100

\*All reports refers to all screened-in referrals for the above allegation types regardless of the case finding for the report.

\*\*The percentages in a row may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## FATALITIES

The death of a child is one of the most tragic consequences of abuse or neglect. The role of Child Protective Services in the case of death by abuse or neglect is to assure the safety of any other children present in the family and to assess the family's need for services. Investigations of the death are generally handled by law enforcement agencies. There

were 12 substantiated cases of a child having died from maltreatment in CY 2002, as reported by agencies to the Department of Health and Family Services. This compares with 10 children and 17 children who died due to substantiated child maltreatment in CY 2000 and 2001, respectively.

**TABLE 5**  
**PROFILE OF SUBSTANTIATED CHILD FATALITIES, 2002**

COUNTY	REPORT TYPE	CHILD			MALTREATER			
		Age	Sex	Race	Age	Sex	Race	Relationship to child
Barron	Physical Abuse	4	F	W	U	U	U	Unknown
Brown	Physical Abuse	2	M	I	27	M	H	Step-Parent
Douglas	Physical Abuse	<1	M	W	28	F	W	Parent
Marathon	Physical Abuse	1	M	W	28	F	W	Non-Certified Family Home Provider
Milwaukee	General Neglect	2	M	B	36	F	B	Parent
Milwaukee	Other	15	F	W	U	U	U	Other Non-Caregiver
Milwaukee	Neglect/Lack of Supervision	<1	F	W	25	F	B	Parent
Milwaukee	Physical Abuse				14	F	W	Child in Family (Non- Maltreater)
Milwaukee	Physical Abuse	3	M	B	21	F	W	Other Non-Caregiver
Milwaukee	General Neglect	<1	M	B	19	F	B	Parent
Milwaukee	Physical Abuse	17	M	B	U	U	U	Unknown
Milwaukee	Physical Abuse	<1	F	B	20	F	B	Parent
Waupaca	Physical Abuse	<1	F	W	24	M	W	Parent

**Sex**  
**F - Female**  
**M- Male**  
**U- Unknown**

**Race**  
**W - White**  
**B - Black**  
**I - American Indian**

**H - Hispanic**  
**U - Unknown**

## CHARACTERISTICS OF MALTREATERS

When the agency makes a determination that a report of maltreatment is substantiated, the determination does not necessarily include a specific finding as to who maltreated the child. However, in the course of the investigation assessment, the agency worker often makes judgments about who has harmed or is failing to protect a child as part of assessing the child's safety needs. In this report, statistical data collected regarding alleged maltreaters reflects social worker judgments rather than legal determinations that a person has maltreated a child.

Cases of mutual sexual activity are not included in this table as there is no maltreater in such cases. By definition, the sexual activity involved is mutual. These cases include children 15 years old or younger who engage in sexual contact or intercourse as defined by the statutes, but where there is no coercion, exploitation or assaultive behavior involved. There were 1,817 such cases reported in CY 2002.

**TABLE 6**  
**ALLEGED MALTREATER RACE BY TYPE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ALL REPORTS), 2002\***

Race	Neglect		Physical Abuse		Sexual Abuse		Emotional Abuse		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%**
ASIAN	310	47.0	253	38.4	91	13.8	5	0.8	659	100
BLACK	5,256	56.2	2,712	29.0	1,332	14.2	54	0.6	9,354	100
HISPANIC	736	39.3	666	35.6	448	23.9	21	1.1	1,871	100
AMERICAN INDIAN	474	50.6	256	27.3	189	20.2	18	1.9	937	100
HAWAIIAN/ PAC.IS.	24	63.2	9	23.7	5	13.2	0	0	38	100
WHITE	11,711	45.2	8,084	31.2	5,690	22.0	416	1.6	25,901	100
UNKNOWN	737	22.0	982	29.3	1,620	48.4	8	0.2	3,347	100
TOTAL	19,248	45.7	12,962	30.8	9,375	22.3	522	1.2	42,107	100

\*All reports refers to all screened-in referrals for the above allegation types regardless of the case finding for the report.

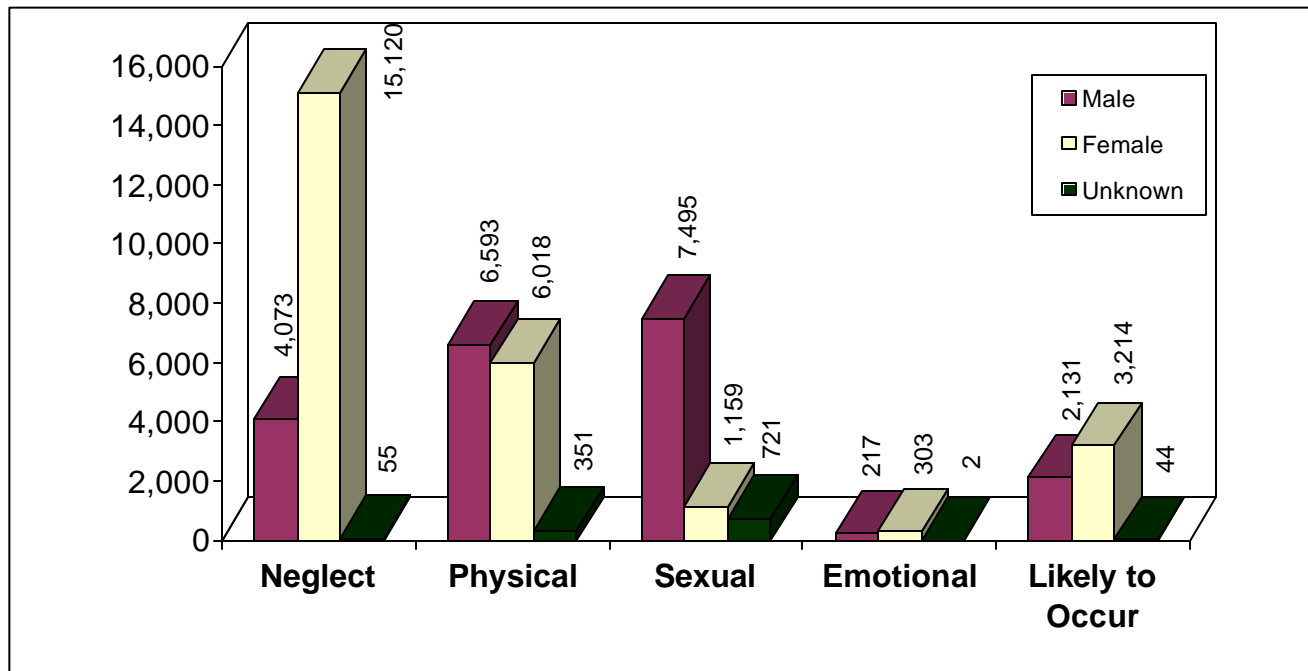
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TABLE 7

## RELATIONSHIP OF ALLEGED MALTREATER TO CHILD (SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS), 2002

	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL	SEXUAL	EMOTIONAL	LIKELY TO OCCUR	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
<b>PRIMARY CAREGIVERS</b>							
Parent/Step Parent	2,756	950	254	48	2,466	6,474	60.15%
Partner or Friend Sharing Dwelling	30	131	118	1	158	438	4.07%
Siblings/Step Siblings	9	62	276	3	69	419	3.89%
Relatives in Home	49	49	137	1	53	289	2.69%
Foster Parents	10	8	5	0	4	27	0.23%
Others Sharing Foster Home	1	2	16	0	2	21	0.20%
Other Primary Caregivers	25	30	24	0	20	99	0.92%
<b>PRIMARY CAREGIVERS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>7,767</b>	<b>72.16%</b>
<b>SECONDARY CAREGIVERS</b>							
Licensed/Certified Child Care Provider	4	7	3	0	4	18	0.17%
Other Child Care Provider	3	13	34	0	6	56	0.52%
Teacher/Other School Employee	0	10	9	0	4	23	0.21%
Residential Facility Staff	1	1	5	0	0	7	0.07%
Correctional Facility Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Youth Organization Staff/Volunteer	0	0	7	0	0	7	0.07%
Relative - Not in Home	11	27	231	0	16	285	2.65%
Other Secondary Caregivers	10	10	24	0	7	51	0.47%
<b>SECONDARY CAREGIVERS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>4.15%</b>
<b>NON-CAREGIVERS</b>							
Stranger	0	6	102	1	0	109	1.01%
Neighbor	2	3	137	0	8	150	1.39%
Family Friend	18	31	291	0	40	380	3.53%
Peer Maltreater	0	43	679	0	25	747	6.94%
Other Non-Caregiver	0	23	541	0	21	585	5.44%
<b>NON-CAREGIVERS SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>18.31%</b>
<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>5.37%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>10,763</b>	<b>100%</b>



**FIGURE 7 GENDER OF ALLEGED MALTREATERS (ALL REPORTS), 2002\***

\*All reports refers to all screened-in referrals for the above allegation types regardless of the case finding for the report.

## SERVICES TO FAMILIES

If a child is determined to be unsafe, the CPS agency provides services designed to control the conditions that make the child unsafe. These safety-related services are provided in the family home whenever possible, to maintain and support the family unit. Examples of services used to support child safety in the family home include the following:

- Supervision/Observation
- AODA Services
- Mental Health & Counseling Services
- Hospitalization/Medical care
- Child care & Respite Care Services
- Basic Home Management Services
- Parenting Assistance/Parent-aide
- Basic Needs (transportation, food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance)

Services provided to ensure child safety are intended to immediately control any conditions or behaviors that place a child in danger. Families may also receive treatment services designed to change behavior or impact underlying causes of child maltreatment over the course of the treatment. The use of in-home safety services for families that come to the attention of agencies has greatly enhanced effective early intervention and response to both substantiated and unsubstantiated cases.

If the conditions in the home pose immediate danger to a child and in-home services would be insufficient to assure the safety of the child, the child may be removed from the home and placed temporarily in an alternate out-of-home placement. This may include placement with a relative, foster parent (s) or a child residential facility.

The following tables describe the safety services provided to families during or immediately following completion of the investigation assessment. Table 8 shows the extent that safety services were provided or children were removed from the home. Table 9 shows the extent that cases were opened for CPS services or court intake. The tables do not reflect the following services that may have been provided by local child welfare agencies:

- Treatment services provided to families later during the course of ongoing child welfare intervention with families;
- Additional services and resources to families where a child is considered to be at risk of maltreatment but have not been determined to be unsafe.

**TABLE 8**  
**FAMILY SAFETY SERVICES BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT, 2002**

Safety Service Provided	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Likely to Occur
	Number of Reports	Number of Reports	Number of Reports	Number of Reports	Number of Reports
<b>Out of Home Care</b>	936	562	361	39	442
<b>Services to Child Remaining in Home</b>	14,499	7,984	4,317	242	3,395
<b>No Safety Services</b>	11,428	8,615	8,036	311	2,957

**TABLE 9**  
**INVESTIGATIVE DISPOSITIONS, 2002**

**9.1 SUBSTANTIATED NEGLECT REPORTS**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%*</b>
Case Closed-No additional services <sup>1</sup>	218	7.7
Case Closed-Family refused services	107	3.8
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	225	8.0
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	27	1.0
Case Opened-Voluntary	206	7.3
Case Opened-Informal court disposition	187	6.6
Case Opened-Court petition/consent decree filed	1,381	48.8
Other agency services	189	6.7
Case referred to law enforcement <sup>2</sup>	295	10.4
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	0	0
Total substantiated neglect reports	2,828	100.0%

**9.2 SUBSTANTIATED PHYSICAL ABUSE REPORTS**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%*</b>
Case Closed-No additional services <sup>1</sup>	224	14.3
Case Closed-Family refused services	75	4.8
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	240	15.3
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	13	0.8
Case Opened-Voluntary	104	6.6
Case Opened-Informal court disposition	78	5.0
Case Opened-Court petition/consent decree filed	500	31.9
Other agency services	109	7.0
Case referred to law enforcement <sup>2</sup>	329	21.0
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	4	0.3
Total substantiated physical abuse reports	1,565	100.0%

**TABLE 9, CONTINUED****9.3 SUBSTANTIATED SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTS (INCLUDES CASES OF MUTUAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY)**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%*</b>
Case Closed-No additional services <sup>1</sup>	1,345	27.5
Case Closed-Family refused services	274	5.6
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	1,597	32.7
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	32	0.7
Case Opened-Voluntary	143	2.9
Case Opened-Informal court disposition	81	1.7
Case Opened-Court petition/consent decree filed	256	5.2
Other agency services	432	8.8
Case referred to law enforcement <sup>2</sup>	1,545	31.6
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	12	0.2
Total substantiated sexual abuse reports	4,890	100.0%

**9.4 SUBSTANTIATED EMOTIONAL ABUSE REPORTS**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%*</b>
Case Closed-No additional services <sup>1</sup>	3	6.5
Case Closed-Family refused services	0	0
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	4	8.7
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	0	0
Case Opened-Voluntary	0	0
Case Opened-Informal court disposition	0	0
Case Opened-Court petition/consent decree filed	36	78.3
Other agency services	1	2.2
Case referred to law enforcement <sup>2</sup>	14	30.4
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	0	0
Total substantiated emotional abuse reports	46	100.0%

**9.5 REPORTS WHERE ABUSE/NEGLECT WAS FOUND LIKELY TO OCCUR**

<b>Investigation Dispositions</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>%*</b>
Case Closed-No additional services <sup>1</sup>	387	15.0
Case Closed-Family refused services	413	16.0
Case Closed-Referred family for community services	698	27.0
Case Closed-Cannot locate family members	28	1.1
Case Opened-Voluntary	280	10.8
Case Opened-Informal court disposition	97	3.7
Case Opened-Court petition/consent decree filed	469	18.1
Other agency services	158	6.1
Case referred to law enforcement <sup>2</sup>	339	13.1
Agency initiated child abuse restraining order	4	0.2
Total substantiated "likely to occur" reports	2,588	100.0%

**TABLE 9, CONTINUED**

\* Cases may have more than one disposition. Therefore, the percentages in the column add up to more than 100%. For example, a case may be referred for a CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services) petition and may be referred to law enforcement. The following tables reflect multiple dispositions in some cases.

<sup>1</sup> The CPS worker may provide brief counseling or referral services to families as part of the investigation assessment. Those services are not reflected in these tables.

<sup>2</sup> Data regarding referral to law enforcement should not be construed as a lack of law enforcement involvement. Many referrals received by the CPS agencies come from law enforcement. In these situations, the CPS agency often works with the law enforcement agency to respond to the referral, but the case would not be captured statistically as a referral to law enforcement.

## APPENDIX A

**WHERE TO REPORT**

Listed below are the County Departments of Health and Human Services or Social Services that receive and investigate child abuse and neglect reports. Such reports may also be made to law enforcement agencies.

Adams County Department of Health & Social Services

108 E. North Street

P.O. Box 500

Friendship WI 53934-0500

Office Hours: 608-339-3356

After Hours: 608-339-3304

Buffalo County Department of Health & Human Services

407 S. Second St.

P.O. Box 517

Alma WI 54610-0517

Office Hours: 608-685-4412

After Hours: 608-685-4433

Ashland County Department of Human Services

301 Ellis Ave.

Ashland WI 54806

Office Hours: 715-682-7004

After Hours: 715-682-7023

Burnett County Department of Health & Human Services

County Government Center

7410 County Road K #280

Siren WI 54872

Office Hours: 715-349-7600 or 715-349-2131

After Hours: 715-349-2121

Barron County Department of Health & Human Services

330 East LaSalle Ave., Rm. 338

Barron WI 54812

Office Hours: 715-537-5691

After Hours: 715-537-3106

Calumet County Department of Human Services

206 Court Street

Chilton WI 53014

Office Hours: 920-849-1400

After Hours: 920-832-4646

Bayfield County Department of Human Services

P.O. Box 100

Washburn WI 54891-0100

Office Hours: 715-373-6144

After Hours: 715-373-6120

Chippewa County Department of Human Services

711 N. Bridge Street, Room 306

Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Office Hours: 715-726-7799

After Hours: 715-726-7830

Brown County Department of Human Services

111 N. Jefferson Street

P.O. Box 22188

Green Bay WI 54305-2188

Office Hours: 920-448-6035

After Hours: 920-448-3200

Clark County Department of Social Services

517 Court Street, P.O. Box 190

Neillsville WI 54456

Office Hours: 715-743-5233

After Hours: 715-743-3157

Columbia County Department of Health &  
Human Services  
P.O. Box 136  
Portage WI 53901  
Office Hours: 608-742-9227  
After Hours: 608-742-7227

Crawford County Department of Human Services  
111 W. Dunn Street  
Prairie du Chien WI 53821  
Office Hours: 608-326-0248  
After Hours: 608-326-0241

Dane County Department of Human Services  
Children, Youth & Family Intake  
2322 S. Park Street  
Madison WI 53713  
Office Hours: 608-261-5437  
After Hours: 608-255-6067

Dodge County Department of Human Services  
County Office Building  
143 E. Center Street  
Juneau WI 53039-1330  
Office Hours: 920-386-3750  
After Hours: 920-887-6713

Door County Department of Social Services  
421 Nebraska Street, P.O. Box 670  
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235  
Office Hours: 920-746-2300  
After Hours: 920-746-2400

Douglas County Department of Health & Human  
Services  
1313 Belknap Street, Room 207  
Superior WI 54880  
Office Hours: 715-395-1304  
After Hours: 715-395-1371

Dunn County Department of Human Services  
808 Main Street, P.O. Box 470  
Menomonie WI 54751  
Office Hours: 715-232-1116  
After Hours: 715-232-5987

Eau Claire County Department of Human  
Services  
721 Oxford Ave., P.O. Box 840  
Eau Claire WI 54702-840  
Office Hours: 715-831-5700  
After Hours: 715-839-4972

Florence County Department of Human Services  
501 Lake Ave., P.O. Box 170  
Florence WI 54121  
Office Hours: 715-528-3296  
After Hours: 715-528-3346

Fond du Lac County Department of Social  
Services  
87 Vincent Street P.O. Box 1196  
Fond du Lac WI 54936-1196  
Office Hours: 920-929-3400  
After Hours: 920-929-3391

Forest County Department of Social Services  
Forest County Courthouse  
200 E. Madison St.  
Crandon WI 54520  
Office Hours: 715-478-3351  
After Hours: 715-478-3331

Grant County Department of Social Services  
8820 Hwy. 35 & 61 South  
P.O. Box 447  
Lancaster WI 53813  
Office Hours: 608-723-2136  
After Hours: 608-723-2157

Green County Department of Human Services  
 N3152 Highway 81, Pleasant View Complex  
 Monroe WI 53566  
 Office Hours: 608-328-9399 or 608-328-9393  
 After Hours: 608-328-9393

Green Lake County Department of Health &  
 Human Services  
 500 Lake Steel Street  
 Green Lake WI 54941  
 Office Hours: 920-294-4070  
 After Hours: 920-294-4000

Iowa County Department of Social Services  
 109 W. Fountain St.  
 Dodgeville WI 53533  
 Office Hours: 608-935-9311  
 After Hours: 608-935-3314

Iron County Department of Human Services  
 Courthouse  
 300 Taconite Street  
 Hurley WI 54534  
 Office Hours: 715-561-3636 or 715-561-3637 or  
 715-561-4168  
 After Hours: 715-561-3800

Jackson County Department of Health and  
 Human Services  
 420 Highway 54 West  
 P.O. Box 457  
 Black River Falls WI 54615  
 Office Hours: 715-284-4301  
 After Hours: 715-284-5357

Jefferson County Human Services Department  
 N3995 Annex Road  
 Jefferson WI 53549  
 Office/After Hours: 920-674-3105

Juneau County Department of Human Services  
 Courthouse Annex  
 220 E. LaCrosse St.  
 Mauston WI 53948  
 Office Hours: 608-847-2400  
 After Hours: 608-847-6161

Kenosha County Department of Human Services  
 8600 Sheridan Road, Suite 200  
 Kenosha WI 53140  
 Office Hours: 262-605-6582  
 After Hours: 262-657-7188

Kewaunee County Department of Human  
 Services  
 510 Kilbourn Street  
 Kewaunee WI 54216  
 Office Hours: 920-388-3777  
 After Hours: 920-388-3100

LaCrosse County Human Services Department  
 300 North 4th Street, P.O. Box 4002  
 LaCrosse WI 54602  
 Office Hours: 608-785-6050 or 785-6054  
 After Hours: 608-785-9634

Lafayette County Department of Human Services  
 627 Main Street  
 Darlington WI 53530  
 Office Hours: 608-776-4800  
 After Hours: 608-776-4848

Langlade County Department of Social Services  
 Langlade County Health Service Center  
 1225 Langlade Road  
 Antigo WI 54409  
 Office Hours: 715-627-6500  
 After Hours: 715-623-4111



Lincoln County Department of Social Services  
 607 N. Sales St.  
 P.O. Box 547  
 Merrill WI 54452  
 Office Hours: 715-536-6200  
 After Hours: 715-536-6272

Manitowoc County Human Services Department  
 926 South 8th Street  
 P.O. Box 1177  
 Manitowoc WI 54220  
 Office Hours: 920-683-4230  
 After Hours: 920-323-2448

Marathon County Department of Social Services  
 400 E. Thomas Street  
 Wausau WI 54403  
 Office Hours: 715-261-7500  
 After Hours: 715-261-1200

Marinette County Department of Health &  
 Human Services  
 2500 Hall Avenue, Suite B  
 Marinette WI 54143  
 Office Hours: 715-732-7700  
 After Hours: 715-732-7600

Marquette County Department of Human  
 Services  
 77 Park Street  
 P.O. Box 405, Courthouse  
 Montello WI 53949  
 Office Hours: 608-297-9135  
 After Hours: 608-297-2115

Menominee County Department of Human  
 Services  
 Social Services Building, Hwy 47  
 P.O. Box 280  
 Keshena WI 54135  
 Office Hours: 715-799-3861 or 715-799-5353  
 After Hours: 715-799-3861

Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare  
 1555 Rivercenter Drive  
 Milwaukee WI 53212  
 Office Hours: 414-220-SAFE (7233)  
 After Hours: 414-220-SAFE (7233)

Monroe County Department of Human Services  
 Community Services Center A-19  
 14301 County Highway B  
 Sparta WI 54656  
 Office Hours: 608-269-8630  
 After Hours: 911

Oconto County Department of Human Services  
 501 Park Ave.  
 Oconto WI 54153-1612  
 Office Hours: 920-834-7000  
 After Hours: 920-834-6900

Oneida County Department of Social Services  
 P.O. Box 400-Courthouse  
 Rhinelander WI 54501  
 Office Hours: 715-362-5695  
 After Hours: 715-361-5100

Outagamie County Department of Health and  
 Human Services  
 401 South Elm Street  
 Appleton, WI 54911  
 Office Hours: 920-832-5161  
 After Hours: 920-832-4646

Ozaukee County Department of Social Services  
 121 W. Main Street  
 P.O. Box 994  
 Port Washington WI 53074-0994  
 Office Hours: 262-284-8200  
 After Hours: 262-238-8436

Pepin County Department of Human Services  
 740 7th Ave. West  
 Durand WI 54736  
 Office Hours: 715-672-8941  
 After Hours: 715-672-5944

Pierce County Department of Health & Human Services  
 412 W. Kinne St.  
 P.O. Box 670  
 Ellsworth WI 54011  
 Office Hours: 715-273-6766  
 After Hours: 715-273-5051

Polk County Department of Human Services  
 300 Polk County Plaza, Suite 110  
 Balsam Lake WI 54810-0219  
 Office Hours: 715-485-8400  
 After Hours: 715-485-8300

Portage County Department of Health & Human Services  
 817 Whiting Avenue  
 Stevens Point WI 54481  
 Office Hours: 715-345-5350  
 After Hours: 715-345-5350

Price County Human Services Department  
 104 South Eyder Avenue  
 P.O. Box 88  
 Phillips WI 54555  
 Office Hours: 715-339-2158  
 After Hours: 715-339-3011

Racine County Human Services Department  
 1717 Taylor  
 Racine WI 53403  
 Office Hours/After Hours: 262-638-6321

Richland County Department of Health & Human Services  
 221 West Seminary  
 Richland Center WI 53581  
 Office Hours: 608-647-8821  
 After Hours: 608-647-2106

Rock County Human Services Department  
 3530 N. County Trunk F  
 P.O. Box 1649  
 Janesville WI 53547-1649  
 Office Hours: 608-757-5401  
 After Hours: 608-757-2244

Rusk County Department of Health & Human Services  
 Courthouse  
 311 East Miner Suite C-240  
 Ladysmith WI 54848  
 Office Hours: 715-532-2299  
 After Hours: 715-532-2299

Sauk County Department of Human Services  
 505 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 P.O. Box 29  
 Baraboo WI 53913  
 Office Hours: 608-355-4200  
 After Hours: 1-800-533-5692

Sawyer County Department of Health & Human Services  
 105 E. 4th Street, P.O. Box 730  
 Hayward WI 54843  
 Office Hours: 715-634-4806  
 After Hours: 715-634-4858

Shawano County Department of Social Services  
 P.O. Box 434  
 Shawano WI 54166  
 Office Hours: 715-526-4700  
 After Hours: 715-526-3100

Sheboygan County Health & Human Services  
 Department  
 1011 North 8th Street  
 Sheboygan WI 53081  
 Office Hours: 920-459-6418  
 After Hours: 414-459-3111

St. Croix County Department of Health & Human  
 Services  
 1445 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
 New Richmond WI 54017  
 Office Hours: 715-246-6991  
 After Hours: 715-246-6991

Taylor County Human Services Department  
 340 East College Street  
 Medford WI 54451  
 Office Hours: 715-748-3332  
 After Hours: 715-748-2200

Trempealeau County Department of Social  
 Services  
 Courthouse, P.O. Box 67  
 Whitehall WI 54773  
 Office Hours: 715-538-2311 ext. 290  
 After Hours: 715-538-4351

Vernon County Department of Human Services  
 E 7419 County Home Road, P.O. Box 823  
 Viroqua WI 54665  
 Office Hours: 608-637-5210  
 After Hours: 608-637-2124

Vilas County Department of Social Services  
 330 Court Street  
 Eagle River WI 54521  
 Office Hours: 715-479-3668  
 After Hours: 715-479-4441

Walworth County Department of Health &  
 Human Services  
 W3955 Hwy NN, Box 1005  
 Elkhorn WI 53121  
 Office Hours: 262-741-3200/1-800-365-1587  
 After Hours: 262-741-3200/1-800-365-1587

Washburn County Department of Health &  
 Human Services  
 P.O. Box 250  
 Shell Lake WI 54871  
 Office Hours: 715-468-4747  
 After Hours: 715-468-2721

Washington County Department of Social  
 Services  
 333 E. Washington St.  
 Suite 3100  
 West Bend WI 53095  
 Office Hours: 262-335-4610  
 After Hours: 262-335-4670

Waukesha County Department of Health &  
 Human Services  
 500 Riverview Ave.  
 Waukesha WI 53188  
 Office Hours: 262--548-7212/548-7666  
 After Hours: 262-547-7731

Waupaca County Department of Health & Human Services

811 Harding Street

Waupaca WI 54981-2087

Office Hours: 715-258-6300

After Hours: 715-258-4466

Waushara County Department of Social Services

P.O. Box 1230

Wautoma WI 54982-1230

Office Hours: 920-787-3303

After Hours: 920-787-3321

Winnebago County Department of Human Services

220 Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 2925

Oshkosh WI 54903-2925

Office Hours: 920-236-4600

After Hours: 920-233-7707

Wood County Department of Social Services

(South Wood County Office)

Courthouse, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8095

Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495-8095

Office Hours: 715-421-8600

After Hours: 715-421-8600

## APPENDIX B

**CHILD MALTREATMENT RELATED STATUTES**

Following are excerpts from the Wisconsin Statutes that create the basis for persons to report suspected child maltreatment and for child protective services agencies to respond. The excerpts are from the updated 1999-2000 Wisconsin Statutes Database. (Note: The excerpts appear exactly as they would appear in the published statutes. Therefore, other portions of the statutes not relevant to child maltreatment are included on some pages.)

Included in the excerpts are sections from Chapter 48, known as the Children's Code, and sections from criminal statutes that are cross-referenced in the Children's Code in order to define child abuse.

Specifically, the following statutory sections are included:

- **s.48.01 Title and legislative purpose.**
- **s.48.02 Definitions.** This includes definitions of child abuse.
- **s.48.13 Jurisdiction over children alleged to be in need of protection or services.** This describes the basis on which the local child protective services agencies (county social/human services departments and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare) may petition the court to intervene with a family.
- **s.48.981 Abused or neglected children and abused unborn children.** This section defines child neglect, describes the reporting requirements of alleged child maltreatment and describes the child protective services agencies' duties and responsibilities.
- **s.939.22 Words and phrases defined.** This section defines terms that are used in describing certain crimes, some of which are cross-referenced in s.48.02 in order to define child abuse.
- **s.940.225 Sexual assault.** This defines the crime of sexual assault and is cross-referenced under s.48.02(1)(b).
- **s.944.30 Prostitution.** This defines the crime of prostitution and is cross-referenced under s.48.02(1)(d).
- **s.948.02 Sexual assault of a child.** This is the first in a series of crimes from Chapter 948, known as Crimes Against Children that are cross-referenced under s.48.02(1)(b) in order to define child sexual abuse. The following sections are also cross-referenced under s.48.02(1):
  - **s.948.025 Engaging in repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child.**
  - **s.948.05 Sexual exploitation of a child.**
  - **s.948.055 Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity.**
  - **s.948.10 Exposing genitals or pubic area.**

The complete Wisconsin Statutes, Chapters 48 and 948 can be reviewed at the following web site location: <http://folio.legis.state.wi.us>